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Dear Allen:

I want to drop you a line just to tell you how sorry I am over the unfortunate publicity to which you have recently been exposed as a result of the loss of our U-2 plane over Russia.

The manner in which this has been handled by our top officials to me appears most unsportsmanlike and foolish but we are making so many mistakes that I suppose this must be excused as something which under these circumstances could not have been otherwise dealt with.

After living in Europe for the past eight or ten years, I am sorry to say that my opinion of our statesmanship and diplomacy has not been improved, although in this I am quite certain that you have not played a part and that your record is among the very best of any important members of the Administration since you first took office.

Hoping that it may be possible to meet again should you ever be in this vicinity.

Sincerely,

Nelson

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